

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2015 STATE OF HAWAII AWARDEES.

WHEREAS, while the natural beauty of Hawaii is recognized throughout the world, the real beauty of our island state lies in its people, who through their personal and professional relationships have dedicated their efforts to serve the needs of the people of Hawaii and create the prosperity and high standards of living which we all enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's small business owners represent an essential component of our economy, providing critical jobs, products, and services while generating much-needed revenue and business activity for our State; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration is a federal agency dedicated to aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting small business concerns; preserving free competitive enterprise; and maintaining and strengthening the overall economy of our nation and state; and

WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of those outstanding small business owners and leaders who display the highest levels of entrepreneurial spirit by selecting recipients for its Small Business Awards; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Awards encompass a wide variety of categories relating to small business, including export businesses, home based businesses, media and journalism companies, and financial service companies, among others; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives joins the business community in honoring these noteworthy, outstanding business achievements of the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2015

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State of Hawaii awardees and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates the following U.S. Small Business Administration's 2015 State of Hawaii Awardees:

(1) RUSSELL RUDERMAN, Small Business Person of the Year;

(2) ROBERT STEHLIK, Small Business Exporter of the Year;

(3) ERIC S. TANOUYE, Entrepreneurial Success Award;

(4) SEAN FONG, SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year;

(5) STEPHEN NII, SBA Family Owned Small Business of the Year;

(6) JEAN JEREMIAH, SBA Advocate for the State of Hawaii for Minority Small Business;

(7) LOUIS F. PEREZ III, Small Business Advocate for the

State of Hawaii for Financial Services;

(8) JERRY ORNELLAS, SBA Small Business Advocate for Home Based Business; and

(9) BOB SIGALL, SBA Small Business Advocate of the Year for Media and Journalism.

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